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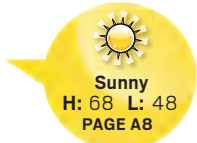


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RIBBON-CUTTING

Nelsons added to ‘free libraries’

Puppeteers encourage reading through program

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It’s not like the couple behind Magical Moonshine Theatre is turning the page on their puppetry career. Valerie and Michael Nelson simply want to spread a bit of literature, if not community, in front of their Vallejo home at 921 Carolina St.

The Nelsons officially became the latest addition to thousands of people worldwide who are listed by LittleFreeLibrary.org — charter No. 61270 — who host a “free library” by providing a weather-resistant pseudo-home for the books by their front yard sidewalk.

“The purpose, for me, is to encourage good things to happen,” Valerie Nelson explained simply.

The Nelsons aren’t far from authentic libraries, having performed their puppet show at hundreds.

“I love the library. I go there a lot,” Valerie said.

Often, they run into sales. And the couple buys books. So why not offer up to 15 free, though according to the LittleFreeLibrary.org web site, it’s also encouraged that people who take a book, leave another one.

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Valerie and Michael Nelson — and their trusty pooch, Bella — invite the community to attend the ribbon-cutting Saturday morning of their ‘free library’ in front of their Vallejo home.

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LAKE LIFE IN VALLEJO



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Gordon Chargualaf enjoys the warm weather as he throws a handful of bread crumbs to the birds around the dock on Lake Chabot in Vallejo while trying his luck at fishing. Warm temperatures are expected to continue throughout the weekend, but expect colder temperatures next week.

SCHOOL SHOOTING

FBI says it failed to investigate tip on Florida suspect

By **Kelli Kennedy, Curt Anderson and Tamara Lush**
The Associated Press

PARKLAND, FLA. » The FBI received a tip last month that the suspect in the Florida school shooting had a “desire to kill” and access to guns and could be plotting an attack, but agents failed to investigate, the agency said Friday. Florida Gov. Rick Scott called for the FBI director to resign because of the agency’s failure.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said the shooting that killed 17 people Wednesday was a “tragic consequence” of the FBI’s missteps and ordered a review of the Justice Department’s processes. He said it’s now clear that the nation’s premier law enforcement agency missed warning signs.

A person who was close to Nikolas Cruz called the FBI’s tip line on Jan. 5 and provided information about Cruz’s weapons and his erratic behavior, includ-

ing his disturbing social media posts. The caller was concerned that Cruz could attack a school.

In a statement, the agency acknowledged that the tip should have been shared with the FBI’s Miami office and investigated, but it was not. The startling admission came as the agency was already facing criticism for its treatment of a tip about a YouTube comment posted last year. The comment posted by a “Nikolas Cruz” said, “Im going to be a professional school shooter.”

The FBI investigated the remark but did not determine who made it.

The 19-year-old Cruz has been charged with killing 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, north of Miami.

FBI Director Christopher Wray said the agency was still reviewing its missteps on the January tip. He said he was “committed to getting to the bottom of what happened,” as well as assessing the way the



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A young girl and a woman embrace as they leave a funeral service for Alyssa Alhadeff at the Star of David Funeral Chapel in North Lauderdale, Fla.

FBI responds to information from the public.

“We have spoken with victims and families and deeply regret the additional pain this causes all those affected by this horrific

tragedy,” Wray said in the statement.

Scott on Friday sharply criticized the federal law enforcement agency, calling the FBI’s

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SOUP

New food, fundraising platform launches

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Vallejo SOUP, this city’s branch of an international grass roots fund/friend-raising concept, was launched by city resident and professional problem-solver, Richard Fisher, and friends. The inaugural event is set for 6 to about 9:15 p.m. April 5, at the Empress Theater lounge.

“Vallejo SOUP is a micro-granting potluck, celebrating and supporting community projects in Vallejo,” said Fisher, a married, 31-year-old father of a year-old daughter. “Each SOUP features a potluck at a unique venue in Vallejo, a local artist’s work, community project presentations, lively conversations, and democracy in action, as the participants vote to fund their favorite community projects.”

Fisher said he’s grateful to the Empress staff for donating the space for the event. Future events will be held every few

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WASHINGTON

Russians charged with meddling in 2016 election

By **Eric Tucker**
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » Thirteen Russians, including a businessman close to Vladimir Putin, were charged Friday in an elaborate plot to interfere in the 2016 U.S. presidential election through social media propaganda, aimed in part at helping Republican Donald Trump and harming the prospects of his Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton.

The federal indictment, brought by the office of special counsel Robert Mueller, represents the most direct allegation to date of illegal Russian meddling during the campaign that sent Trump to the White House. It also marks the first criminal charges against Russians believed to have secretly worked to influ-

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WASHINGTON

House GOP leaders try to push immigration bill

GOP leaders scramble to get enough votes to pass a measure that’s more restrictive than a proposal by Trump. **PAGE A8**






LOCAL

Man accused of hitting cyclists to stand trial

Novato man Aaron Michael Paff, 21, is charged with four felony hit-and-run charges. **PAGE A2**

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GOOD MORNING!

Have a great day John Oliver!

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Check out what’s going on in your neighborhood and the community. **PAGE A2**

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